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| Applicant(s)    | ) | Neeraj GULATI et al.  |
| Application No. | ) | 10/052,917  |
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| Title           | ) | METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR<br>PERMANENT SUB-NETWORK CONNECTIONS<br>IN A COMMUNICATION NETWORK |
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the final Office Action mailed March 3, 2006, rejecting Claims 1-19 of the above-referenced Application, in which Claims 1-19 are pending, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and remarks be considered. In view of these amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the Application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action, without further search.